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DIRECTLY SPEAKING

By William H. Spaulding  
Director, GSW/WD

On Friday evening, January 12, 1979, GSW held its seventh annual public lecture in Phoenix. It's no big secret to the public or to the UFO community that GSW provides a UFO update lecture each year. But something different happened this year, something so drastic that it affected our organization in such a manner that it will never again be the same.

As all of our membership realizes, this year's presentation highlighted the December 15, 1978 release of UFO materials to our lawyers as a result of the successful endeavors of the lawsuit against the CIA. The pre-lecture publicity here in Phoenix was exceptional, as is the usual situation, and this year's presentation was attended by the normal high volume of Phoenix-based media representatives, as well as a few reporters from the national scene. One of the reporters attending the lecture represented the New York Times. This reporter put together a well-written article and sent the same to New York.

By the following Sunday the world knew what the one thousand individuals attending the lecture knew. The phones started ringing and continued doing so for the next three weeks - both day and night. The media response to qualifiable evidence of a government cover up and to a first-of-a-kind successful law suit on the UFO situation was overwhelming.

Without exaggeration, Todd Zechel and I handled over 200 inquiries from both the print and electronic media. Everyone, including the foreign countries, were interested in an interview and the type of data received from our legal action. The strangest thing to me was the high interest shown in the NORAD 1975 overflight sightings and the IRAN 1976 jet/UFO sighting which was "old" news to all UFO researchers. These stories were previously presented by Todd Zechel. Apparently the stories had only made local papers/radio stations, and somehow were considered "recent" news by the reporters. But such is the way of life in the world of ufology. Regardless, the impact has been great, the news coverage fantastic, and I believe the story of the law suit has added a lot of credibility to the subject of UFOs. I further believe that all of ufology has benefited by receiving publicity and a favorable nod from the public, who now realize that not all ufologists are going around the country looking for little green men. There is a serious UFO movement and all of us at the GSW staff level are proud to be associated with such a fine group of members - members who helped us both morally and financially. My deepest appreciation goes to Todd Zechel and Peter Gersten. If not for them, none of this would have happened.

What's in the future? Hopefully more of the same, but it will require additional sacrifice in order to continue on to a meaningful conclusion. Ultimately, that conclusion will be the release of all pertinent UFO materials held by the government. Although funding is currently coming from the sale of released government documents, some contributions, UFO photographs and my lecture tour, these funds are not enough to meet the costs of our endeavors. I have asked Peter Gersten (of the Rothblatt, Rothblatt, Seijas, and Peskin law firm) to hold up on any further legal action until we can financially regroup. It would be totally unfair to Mr. Gersten to ask him to invest additional hours and dollars of his own



as he has done in the past. GSW is currently making large changes in its organizational structure, changes that will hopefully bring in the necessary dollars for all of our needs. We have assigned two GSW members, who have past experience in fund raising, to head up a committee on this subject.

GSW has also formed a coalition with the organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), so that the problem of UFO document retrieval and interpretation can better be handled. Existing within the CAUS organization are some of the best experts in ufology to analyze the most obscure UFO documents. A coalition will also have other advantages. It will allow GSW additional time to get back to the more technical side of researching. We are years overdue in releasing technical papers, months behind in photographic analysis, and lagging in field investigations. Over all, we believe this type of move will increase the exchange of data, distribute manpower with greater efficiency and accomplish more of our goals with the available time base.

Todd Zechel, who serves in the dual role of Director of CAUS and GSW's Director of Research, assures me that every effort will be made to meet all of these objectives. With cooperation being the word, I urge all GSW members to work with these goals in mind and give Todd the support he needs. GSW strongly recommends that all members purchase the CAUS newsletter, published monthly. The monies made here will support our joint efforts.

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#### CIA RELEASES DOCUMENTS - GSW PREVAILS IN FOIA LAWSUIT

By T. Zechel - GSW Director of Research  
- Director of CAUS, Inc.

As a result of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit originally filed in September 1977 by Ground Saucer Watch (GSW), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has released approximately 900 pages of its own UFO-related files and forwarded nearly 200 additional documents back to the originating agencies in the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, and the State Department for clearance.

The material from the CIA's files was released on Dec. 15, 1978, in accordance with a court-ordered stipulation filed in U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C. The stipulation, which was made a court order by U.S. Judge John Pratt on Sept. 18, 1978, granted the Agency 90 days to search 41 of its components specified by GSW.

In the course of its alleged search, the CIA evidently located the documents it sent back to the originating agencies. This material seems to consist of around 700 or more pages, and it is being released on a document-by-document basis, as each is declassified and cleared.

According to the covering letter of U.S. Attorney William Briggs, the CIA returned the following UFO documents to the originators: Air Force-76; Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)-19; Army-30; Navy-11; State Department-40; and National Security Agency (NSA)-18.

#### VICTORY FOR GSW

The release of the CIA material represents a total victory for GSW, in that the suit initially sought the release of five documents related to the CIA's contact with former Marine Ralph Mayher. In March 1976 the



Agency admitted having five Mayher documents, but said it could only release two, with about 70% of each deleted in accordance with exemptions (b) (1)-related to classified information and (b)(3)-related to revealing intelligence sources and methods. The remaining three documents could not be released at all, said the CIA, in accordance with the same exemptions.

Furthermore, The CIA's 1976 covering letter to GSW Director Bill Spaulding said: "At no time prior to the formation of the Robertson Panel (Jan.'53) and at no time subsequent to the issuance of the Panel's report has the CIA engaged in the study of the UFO phenomena. The Robertson Panel Report is summation of the Agency's interest and involvement in this matter(UFOs)."

Although the CIA had refused to declassify the Mayher documents and thereby forced GSW to file an FOIA lawsuit, the entire five documents were released on Dec. 15th with only minor deletions. This, alone, would mean that GSW has prevailed - i.e., forced the sought-after documents to be released, and without even presenting an argument to the court. Seemingly, therefore, the CIA's original claimed exemptions were arbitrary and capricious, and the Agency apparently felt its claims would be easily defeated in court - which is what GSW representatives have contended all along.

The GSW victory is further attested to by the release of nearly 900 pages of UFO material the CIA denied having. Or, in the words of an Omni magazine columnist, "hypothetical, alleged secret UFO files." These documents belie the CIA's oft-repeated claims of non-involvement with UFOs.

#### CIA STUDIES UFOS DURING FLAPS

Careful analysis of the CIA material reveals the CIA initiated at least three separate studies of UFOs: in April 1952, in November 1957, and in January 1965. (The "official" CIA study in 1952 began in August; however, testimony from reliable sources indicates Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI) employee Fred Durant, posing as a civilian, befriended Major Dewey Fournet and Captain Ed Ruppelt in order for the CIA to gain access to the Air Force's UFO data as early as April 1952).

The CIA's interest in UFOs was seemingly increased whenever a "flap" occurred (i.e., whenever there was a flurry of UFO activity around the country or around Washington, D.C.). Between flaps, the Agency was a so-called "passive recipient" of UFO reports.

The summer flap of 1952 seems to have caused the CIA the most worry. Office of Scientific Intelligence officers such as Marshall Chadwell, Ransom Eng and Phil Strong, presented papers to the Director of Central Intelligence, Gen. W.B. Smith, expressing deep concern - to the point of Chadwell calling for a CIA policy to be formulated to prevent "panic".

The CIA's 1952 study culminated in the Robertson Panel, which met for four days in January 1953 in order to determine if UFOs "represented a direct, hostile threat to national security." Although many observers have contended the Robertson Panel's report, which recommended debunking UFOs, demonstrated the CIA was responsible for the so-called "cover-up," the evidence seems to indicate it was the Air Force that engineered the "cover-up", and was guilty of withholding significant evidence from the CIA. Just how significant that evidence was will be brought to light in forthcoming legal actions taken by CAUS.



Not much is known about the CIA's 1957 study, except that it resulted from a "request from 'The Hill'". Evidently, this means either a Senator or Congressman, or groups thereof, requested the CIA to look into UFOs. In any case, on November 6, 1957, the CIA's Office of Scientific Intelligence levied a requirement on the Contact Division to collect information on UFOs and forward the data to OSI. (The Contact Division, later called the Domestic Contact Service and now known as the Domestic Collection Division, is a domestic intelligence network with offices in most American major cities, and more recently in most smaller ones as well. Ostensibly, the purpose of this division is to interview Americans who have returned from travel abroad, particularly in countries such as the Soviet Union. Since the CIA is prohibited by law and charter from engaging in domestic spying, it has received only tacit approval from the Executive Branch and Congress to have a domestic component engaged in collecting foreign intelligence. However, the CIA's willingness to utilize the domestic offices to collect information on UFOs, and the relative ease with which it managed to conduct these programs, keeping in mind that domestic agents of this component usually identify themselves by CIA ID and use real names, certainly indicates the Agency could, and may well have, used the domestic collection offices for a variety of purposes not related to foreign intelligence).

OSI's 1957 levy specified the Contact Division UFO data had to be forwarded to CIA headquarters by November 14th. Although the order to collect UFO data went out to at least 15 cities, the only reports released to GSW deal with the CIA's contact with UFO photographer Ralph Mayher - - which CAUS and GSW officials were already aware of. It seems the Cleveland Contact Division office's attention was drawn to Mayher by a newspaper article that appeared on November 6, 1957. The article reprinted a still photo from the UFO film that Mayher shot on July 29, 1952 (the same day an Air Force press conference announced the Washington, D.C. radar/visual sightings were attributable to "temperature inversions").

Mayher had turned his film over to the Marines on the same night it was made. On the following day, the 30th, the film was developed in a civilian processing lab associated with a Miami TV station. Although no copies were made of the 16mm film, the processing technicians did manage to run off two sets of seven or eight frames, one of which was given to Mayher. The other set was retained by the TV station, WTVJ, and later confiscated by the Marines and subsequently transmitted to the Air Force.

The film itself was turned over to Major William Frazier of Air Force Intelligence on July 31, 1952. Frazier sent the film to Air Force Intelligence in the Pentagon, and that's the last anyone outside the Air Force has seen or heard about the film. It is not available in the National Archives, where all UFO evidence collected by the Air Force is allegedly deposited.

On November 7, 1957, Mayher was contacted by an agent from the Cleveland Domestic Contact office. The agent interviewed Mayher about his sighting and was given five still photos to be analyzed by the CIA. In December, the photos were returned to Mayher by another agent, but no analysis results were disclosed. Contact Division memos, however, indicate the film photos were analyzed at "high levels" of the Agency, the results of which were not made known even to the Contact personnel.

When the photos were returned to Mayher, he asked the agent for permission to state the CIA had shown an interest in his film and had analyzed frames of it. This permission was denied by the CIA representative, and Mayher was asked to keep his contact with the Agency confidential.



Later, however, Mayher discussed his CIA contacts with Major Donald Keyhoe, Director of NICAP. Keyhoe subsequently wrote several letters to the Director of Central Intelligence, complaining that Mayher had been silenced. Keyhoe's letters put the CIA on the spot, but they managed to send him several evasive replies and Keyhoe eventually dropped his interest in the matter.

Missing from the CIA material released to GSW are the analysis of the Mayher photos, other reports generated by the Contact Division, conclusions on or evaluations of the data collected, and summary reports issued to whoever requested the study in the first place.

The CIA documents reflect the Agency periodically demonstrated an interest in NICAP (The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena), a group headquartered in Washington, D.C. Thus, it seems appropriate that the Agency turned to NICAP for information on UFOs when another study was requested on January 19, 1965. This time, the request came from the Director of Central Intelligence, based, apparently, over concern about the flap of sightings in and around Washington, D.C., during Dec. 1964 and Jan. 1965. Included in the flap was a sighting made by Army security Agency personnel in a downtown Washington D.C. office.

The same day the new UFO study was ordered by DCI, the 19th, an Office of Scientific Intelligence officer called the Washington-area Domestic Contact Service office and requested agent Al Coleman to obtain UFO reports from NICAP. During Coleman's briefing, the OSI official told him the group was headed by Major "William Kehoe," who the OSI said had retired some three years earlier to form NICAP -- a group he was no longer associated with, added the OSI man. (Obviously, the OSI briefing amounted to a farce, since almost everything which was said about NICAP and "Kehoe" was totally in error.)

Coleman subsequently phoned NICAP and made an appointment to see Richard H. Hall, Assistant Director and the real power behind the throne, on the same day. Keyhoe, author of a number of books and articles depicting a massive cover up of UFO evidence by the Air Force, was frequently absent from NICAP's office and Hall usually handled management of the flourishing organization and its enviable sub-committee reporting network, which Hall had established.

Coleman met with Hall later that afternoon in NICAP's Connecticut Ave. office. After a friendly chat, Coleman asked for and was given UFO sighting reports pertaining to incidents which had occurred recently in the Washington area. Coleman also requested to be kept posted on ensuing developments and gave Hall several phone numbers where he could be reached. Later, Hall phoned Coleman to ask if he was interested in more UFO reports; the DCS agent said he was, and Hall sent the new data to a Washington, D.C. post office box. Weeks later, all the reports were returned to NICAP with a covering letter by Coleman thanking Hall for his cooperation, but without further comment about the reports themselves.

While the documents released to GSW reveal the CIA was considering granting Hall a security clearance and using him as a full-time source on UFOs, no analyses of the reports Hall provided were released, nor were reports that seemingly would have been sent by other DCS offices.

In general, it appears the CIA has rather carefully selected the material it has thus far released, disclosing basically only those documents which relate to CIA involvement both CAUS and GSW officials were previously aware of and could establish in a court of law.



At the conclusion of it's 90-day search, the CIA was supposed to have submitted an affidavit detailing its search of files, listing the documents it intends to withhold and accounting for each deletion it made in the released material with an appropriate exemption under the Freedom of Information Act. All that was provided to GSW, however, was a covering letter stating the Agency intends to withhold 57 documents. Subsequently, the CIA went to U.S. District Judge John Pratt and obtained a 60-day extension to prepare the affidavit. Pratt granted the extension without offering GSW's attorney an opportunity to present an argument.

In the meantime, CAUS Director of Research, Brad Sparks, has determined that over 200 documents are directly referenced in the material released - all seemingly related to UFOs - and remain unaccounted for. In other words, the CIA "didn't find" at least 200 documents it should have. Furthermore, Sparks asserts the released material derives from only 4 of forty-one components GSW requested to be searched, indicating 37 components weren't searched, or that not one single document was found in them, whichever you prefer.

Even more puzzling - and angering - is the fact that CAUS Director Todd Zechel received a letter from the CIA in August 1978 informing him the Agency had just located "1,000 additional pages of UFO material". A follow-up phone call by Zechel to CIA Information & Privacy Coordinator Charles Savige, determined the 1,000 pages were mostly Office of Scientific Intelligence files which had been located in the retired archives. Furthermore, phone calls between GSW attorney Peter Gersten, and U.S. Attorney William Briggs, led CAUS officials to believe the CIA had located in excess of 5,000 documents. The conversations between Gersten and Briggs took place after the court-ordered search of files supposedly began on Sept. 18th, and more than a month after the CIA had said in a letter it had already located "1,000 additional pages".

Thus, there are very serious questions remaining about the validity of the CIA's alleged search of files. If there has been any misrepresentation, the fault lies totally with the Agency and the U.S. Attorney. Moreover, the CIA's haste in releasing the documents to the public - including a substantial number of news media organizations - without accounting for its deletions, as is required by law, without preparing its affidavit as required by the court, and without taking steps to protect the rights of a number of civilians named in the documents, gives every indication that the CIA was more than anxious to dump the material in order to fulfill a disinformation purpose. This contention seems to be supported by the fact that not one person, other than those associated directly with CAUS, has been able to determine the extent of the CIA's involvement with UFOs from reading the documents. The facts, as stated in this article, are there; however, one is required to be an expert in order to interpret and decipher them, apparently.

#### NSA AND STATE DEPARTMENT WITHHOLD REPORTS

Most of the documents sent back to the originating agency by the CIA in conjunction with GSW's suit, are gradually being released. However, at least two agencies - the State Department and the National Security Agency (NSA) - have declared certain documents to be classified and might not be released.

The State Department had informed GSW attorney Peter Gersten that eight UFO reports were under review for declassification. Subsequently, three



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were released. However, questions remain as to how many documents were actually returned.

Roy Banner, Chief, Policy Staff, National Security Agency, wrote to Gersten on Jan. 9, 1979, regarding the 18 UFO reports the CIA returned to NSA, and declared: "We cannot provide you access to, or release a copy of, the information because it is classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 USC 552 (b)(1). The information is currently and properly classified in accordance with the criteria for classification in section 1-3 of Executive Order 12065, and paragraph 2-202 of Department of Defense Regulation 5200 1-R."

"The information is also exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 USC 552 (b)(3), which provides that the FOIA does not apply to matters that are specifically exempted from disclosure by statute. The applicable statutes in this case are Title 18 USC 798, Title 50 USC 403 (D)(3), and Public Law 86-36," Banner added.

\*Editor's note: This will come as quite a shock to a noted UFO skeptic who has often contended intelligence agencies such as NSA couldn't possibly have classified UFO reports, and called anyone who said they did a liar. Ufology, of course, won't be the least bit shocked that the skeptic has once again been proven wrong!

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#### 1979 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM IN SAN FRANCISCO

"Intensifying the Scientific Investigation of UFO Surveillance" is the theme for the 1979 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 7 & 8 at the spacious Airport Marina Hotel at the San Francisco International Airport, 1380 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010; telephone (415) 347-5444. The host group for this year's symposium will be "Northern California MUFON, San Francisco Bay Area", headed up by Tom Gates, James McCampbell and Paul Cerny.

The featured speakers on Saturday are Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Stanton T. Friedman, James M. McCampbell, Dr. Richard Haines, Dr. Dennis Reagan, and Dr. Ted Peters. Other speakers who will participate are William H. Spaulding and Terry Hartman. For those people arriving on Friday, July 6th to visit San Francisco, one of America's "Four Unique Cities", there will be a dutch treat "happy hour" and get acquainted session starting about 6:00 pm, which might be labeled "Chat with the UFO Experts". Brochures, listing tours and tourist attractions in the Bay Area, will be available and included with advance reservation confirmations for folks planning their vacations or a long weekend.

The Airport Marina Hotel provides free shuttle bus service from the San Francisco Airport to the hotel on a regular schedule, or rental cars are available at the airport. There will be no formal banquet at this year's symposium, however, fine meal accommodations are readily accessible in the Airport Marina Dining Room or at any of the many other outstanding restaurants within two to three blocks walking distance.

The Mutual UFO Network Corporate meeting is scheduled for Sunday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, at which time State Directors or their proxies will submit their annual report of activities. On Sunday afternoon, Allan Sandler's color motion picture film "UFOs Past, Present and Future", made for television, will be shown, plus additional workshop sessions,



wrapping up about 4:00 pm. A special Walt Disney film on UFOs is scheduled for Saturday evening.

The Airport Marina Hotel has printed special reserved room accommodation postcards for the symposium with their rates for a single @ \$33.00, twin @ \$39.00, or a double @ \$39.00 per night. These reservation postcards will be mailed to everyone making an advance reservation for the symposium or may be secured from the hotel or the host organization. (Rates at adjoining hotels are even higher.)

Advance reservations for the 1979 MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM can now be secured by writing to MUFON, W.S. DIV. (Western States Division), P. O. Box 1072, Mr. View, CA 94042 and making a check or money order for \$12.00 payable to MUFON, W.S. DIV. which covers admission to all sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Individual session tickets will be available at the door, however, the package price of \$12.00 is the most economical.

Since MUFON has more members in the state of California than any other state, we are anticipating a very large attendance. The host committee under the Chairmanship of Tom Gates has done an outstanding job planning and preparing for our tenth annual MUFON UFO SYMPOSIUM. Our annual symposiums are recognized as the major UFO Conference, worldwide, since no other organization has sponsored continuous yearly sessions with the caliber of speakers that MUFON has presented. The featured speaker's published papers will again be available on the date of the symposium for those attending and to all others thereafter. Plan now to attend this gala educational event with its social ramifications by meeting the people who are instrumental in helping to resolve the UFO phenomenon. It may be summed up in the Symposium theme - "Intensifying the Scientific Investigation of UFO Surveillance".

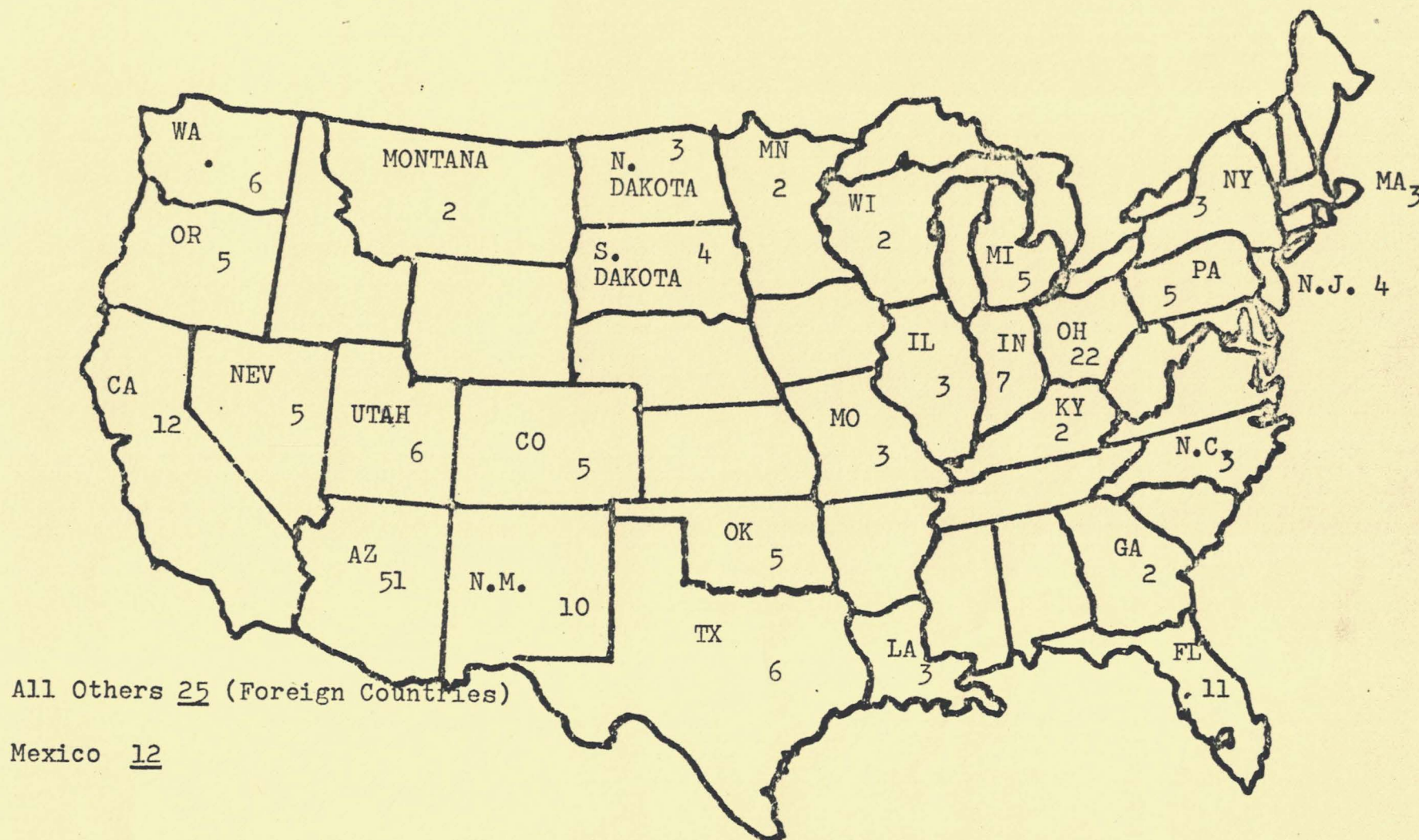
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POSTAGE INCREASES = LESS BULLETIN PAGES

Due to postage increases in the third class mail (printed matter), the GSW Bulletin will be reduced from it's 30-page format to approximately 25. This will prevent an increase in the price of the bulletin.

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### MAP OF SIGHTINGS

Sightings logged in by GSW-East & West. All sightings do not constitute real "UFO's".

1. 237 called-in reports of UFO's.

2. 37 Reports (hard copy) received.

3. Unknown rate (%) to date - Dec. 1978 through March 1979 9.11 percent (26 sightings)

4. AZ numbers do not include the Phoenix based advertisement airplanes.

These sightings cover the period of Dec. 1978 through March 1979

\*     sightings attributed to various bright stars, the planet Venus and other celestial and conventional misinterpretations.



"What Value Do You Place on the UFO Documents  
Recently Received From the CIA?"

By James Spaulding  
Director, GSW/ED

This is a common question that has been asked of the personnel on the GSW staff during the past two months. However, it is an important question that the media and the interested public has asked and one that can now be answered. A thorough culling of the documents reveals some interesting facts:

- 1) The United States government, mainly the intelligence agencies, has been involved since 1949 with an on-going investigation of the UFO phenomenon. There is ample evidence to show that the CIA has been involved both prior to and after the Robertson Panel meeting of January 1953.
- 2) The United States government has been using the embassies in the foreign countries to transmit sightings from their geographical location.
- 3) The CIA was very concerned during the 1950's over the use of the UFO phenomenon as a psychological warfare device, both offensively and defensively. This appears to be one of the fears connected with the 'cold war' era sweeping America at the time.
- 4) The government was frustrated and concerned over the air vulnerability due to the UFO phenomenon.

In order that our membership and readers fully understand the value of the documents recently obtained by the lawsuit, the following capsules in excerpt form, some of the "best" of the documented data:

I - Project Sign - notes and comments in "Unidentified Aerial Objects" - 31 March 1949. "The sighting of unconventional objects can be broken down into the following:

1. Objects identified as conventional aircraft.
2. Weather and atmospheric sounding balloons.
3. Natural phenomena:
  - A. Astrophysical
  - B. Electromagnetical (ball lightning, corona, etc..)
4. Hoax
5. Unexplained
  - A. Natural terrestrial phenomena
  - B. Man-made
  - C. Extra-terrestrial objects
    1. Meteors
    2. Animals
    3. Space ships"

"That the objects are from outer space or are an advanced aircraft of a foreign power is a possibility, but the above group have concluded that it is highly improbable.

In discussion of this subject with Mr. Deyarmond at Wright Patterson AFB, he seemed to think and I (H.L. Bowers) agree, that the 'flying discs' will turn out to be another 'sea serpent'. However, since there is even



a remote possibility that they may be interplanetary or foreign aircraft, it is necessary to investigate each sighting."

## II - From a Draft Letter Marked Secret

"1. The IAC has reviewed the current situation concerning unidentified flying objects which have caused extensive speculation in the press and have been the subject of concern to Government organizations. The Air Force, within the limitations of manpower which could be devoted to the subject, has thus far carried the full responsibility for investigating and analyzing individual reports of sightings. Since 1947, approximately 1500 official reports of sightings have been received and, of these, about 20% are as yet unexplained.

2. It is my view and that of IAC that this situation has possible implications for our national security with respect to the vulnerability of the U.S. to air attack. Intelligence, however, cannot discharge its responsibilities with regard to estimating the capabilities of an enemy to create and use such phenomena against the U.S. unless we first determine through scientific research whether or not such phenomena can in fact be generated and controlled by humans.

3. It is therefore recommended, that the Department of Defense undertake an expanded scientific research program to reveal the nature of the various phenomena which are causing these sightings and means by which these phenomena may be identified immediately. It is also recommended that in such a project there be close cooperation between those conducting the research and scientific and technical intelligence research. The IAC agencies are prepared to do their part in such a project."

(Secret)

## III - From a CIA Memorandum Dated 1952

"MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

1. I am today transmitting to the National Security Council a proposal (TAB A) in which it is concluded that the problems connected with unidentified flying objects appear to have implications for psychological warfare as well as for intelligence and operations.

2. The background for this view is presented in some detail in TAB B.

3. I suggest that we discuss at an early board meeting the possible offensive or defensive utilization of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes."

(signed by Walter B. Smith, Director)

## IV - From Other CIA Letters and Documents the Following:

"Deputy Assistant Director/SI

Acting Chief, Weapons & Equipment Division

'Flying Saucers' "



"1. Pursuant to your request for overall evaluation of 'flying saucers' and associated reports, the following is pertinent:

a. Of 1000 to 2000 such reports received by ATIC, a large percentage are clearly 'phoney'. An equally large percentage can be satisfactorily explained as known flights of currently operational U.S. equipment (aircraft, weather balloons, etc.) and many others are undoubtedly of natural phenomena (meteors, clouds, aberration of light caused by thermal inversion or reflections, etc.).

b. Less than 100 reasonably credible reports remain unexplainable at this time; regarding these reports, there is no pattern of specific sizes, configurations, characteristics, performance, or location. The sources of those reports are generally no more or less credible than the sources of the other categories. It is probable that if complete information were available for presently 'unexplainable' reports, they, too, could be evaluated into categories as indicated in 'a' above.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing tentative facts, so long as a series of reports remains 'unexplainable' (interplanetary aspects and alien origin not being thoroughly excluded from consideration) caution requires that intelligence continue coverage of the subject.

3. It is recommended that CIA surveillance of subject matter, in coordination with proper authorities of primary operational concern at ATIC, be continued. It is strongly urged, however, that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the U.S. Government.

4. The undersigned has arranged with the Commanding Officer of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for a thorough and comprehensive briefing related to this subject on 8 August 1952. Subsequent to obtaining full details, a detailed analysis will be prepared and forwarded."

(signed, Edward Tauss)

#### V - A Critique From the Grudge Report:

December 1949 the Air Corps released sections of its secret report to the press. The conclusion was that the sightings stemmed from three sources:

- "1. Mass hysteria
2. Hallucination and hoax
3. Misinterpretation of known objects

This satisfied much of the public but not certain sensational writers. The resulting highly speculative books and magazine articles combined with increasing reports of sightings built up such a resurgence of public interest that Air Force, early in 1951, reopened its study, instituted a world-wide reporting system, and alerted its bases to intercept the unidentified objects. General Sanford gave their interim conclusions in his recent press conference. These were that analysis of the cases showed 'no pattern of anything consistent with any menace to the United States'; that the recent Washington reports were probably due to 'temperature inversions'; and that the unexplained sightings could not have resulted from any experiments or tests conducted by the United States."



"In summarising this discussion, I would restate that on three of the main theories in explanation of these phenomena - a U.S. development, a Russian development, and space ships - - the evidence either of fact or of logic is so strongly against them that they warrant at present no more than speculative consideration. However, it is important that there are many who believe in them and will continue to do so in spite of any official pronouncement which may be made. This whole affair has demonstrated that there is a fair proportion of our population which is mentally conditioned to acceptance of the incredible. Thus we arrive at two danger points which, in a situation of international tension, seem to have National Security implications.

Earlier, we mentioned our search of Soviet press. ATIC made a similar search. With world-wide sightings reported, we have found not one report or comment, even satirical, in the Russian press. This could result only from an official policy decision and of course raises the question of why and of whether or not these sightings could be used from a psychological warfare point of view either offensively or defensively. Air Force is aware of this and had investigated a number of the civilian groups that have sprung up to follow the subject. One - the Civilian Saucer Committee in California has substantial funds, strongly influences the editorial policy of a number of newspapers and has leaders whose connections may be questionable. Air Force is watching this organization because of its power to touch off mass hysteria and panic. Perhaps we, from an intelligence point of view, should watch for any indication of Russian efforts to capitalize upon this present American credulity.

Of even greater moment is the second danger. Our air warning system will undoubtedly always depend upon a combination of radar scanning and visual observation. We give Russia the capability of delivering an air attack against us, yet at any given moment now, there may be current a dozen official unidentified sightings plus many unofficial. At the moment of attack, how will we, on an instant basis, distinguish hardware from phantom? The answer, of course, (SANITIZED) is that until far greater knowledge is achieved of the causes back of the sightings - the little understood phenomena (SANITIZED) has described - we will run the increasing risk of false alerts and the even greater danger of tabbing the real as false. This is primarily an operational research problem but as long as it exists it will have intelligence implications because of its bearing on air vulnerability.

As to what should be done, we propose to discuss the research problem with the Research and Development Board and pass on to Air Force an offer from M.I.T. to assist in a study of some of the fundamentals. We suggest that the psychological possibilities both for and against us should be investigated. From an intelligence point of view, OSI has been and will continue watching Russian research and development in the scientific fields involved.

There is some strength to the hypotheses that many of the unexplained sightings of UFO's may be electromagnetic or electrostatic in character. Factors supporting this hypotheses are:

Absence of sound, although apparently moving rapidly in the atmosphere.

Phenomena are apparently affected by shock waves or electromagnetic radiation of aircraft."



"Reports of erratic operation of various kinds of instruments in the vicinity of sightings.

Sightings of UFO's reported at Los Alamos and Oak Ridge, at a time when the background radiation count had risen inexplicably. Here we run out of even 'blue yonder' explanations that might be tenable, and, we still are left with numbers of incredible reports from credible observers."

VI - "MEMORANDUM TO: Director of Central Intelligence (Oct.2,1952)

THROUGH: Deputy Director(Intelligence)

FROM: Assistant Director, Office of Scientific Intelligence

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers"

"3. CONCLUSIONS - 'Flying saucers' pose two elements of danger which have national security implications. The first involves mass psychological considerations and the second concerns the vulnerability of the United States to air attack. Both factors are amplified in TAB A.

4. ACTION RECOMMENDED - (a) That the Director of Central Intelligence advise the National Security Council of the implications of the 'flying saucer' problem and request that research be initiated. TAB B is a draft memorandum to the NSC, for the DCI's signature. (b) That the DCI discuss this subject with the Psychological Strategy Board. A memorandum to the Director, Psychological Strategy Board, is attached for signature as TAB C. (c) That CIA, with the cooperation of PSB and other interested departments and agencies, develop and recommend for adoption by the NSC a policy of public information which will minimize concern and possible panic resulting from the numerous sightings of unidentified objects."

VII - "MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THRU: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

1. PROBLEM:  
To Determine:

a. Whether there are national security implications in the problem of 'unidentified flying objects' i.e. flying saucers;

b. Whether adequate study and research is currently being directed to this problem in its relation to such national security implications; and . . ."

(ACTION:)

"(3) A world-wide reporting system has been instituted and major Air Force bases have been ordered to make interceptions of unidentified flying objects.

(4) The research being carried on is strictly on a case basis and appears to be designed solely to attempt a satisfactory explanation of each individual sighting as it occurs.

(5) ATIC has concluded an arrangement with Battelle Memorial Institute for the latter to establish a machine indexing system for official reports of sightings."

"(11) I consider this problem to be of such importance that it should



be brought to the attention of the National Security Council in order that a community-wide coordinated effort towards its solution may be initiated."

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WE GET LETTERS

By Bill & Rosemary Baum, Research Staff

If one word were to describe the public response to GSW and the CIA law suit, it would be "clamoring". It shows how nation-wide media coverage can benefit a cause.

As a result of the airing of Tom Snyder's "Tomorrow" show on Feb. 1, 1979 on which Bill Spaulding was a guest, and several articles appearing in world wide press, we have received a flood of letters from all over the United States and abroad. All of the letters given us to review expressed enthusiastic support for GSW and, in particular, our attempts to retrieve information from the government. Some of the letters were short and to the point ... "Please send additional information on GSW. Thank You...". Others from the scientific community were very complimentary and generous in offering assistance.

We were a bit surprised by a letter from an eastern lawyer that asked if GSW had ever tried, through the F.O.I.A. "to learn whether or not any government agency is keeping any UFO matters listed secret?" This is proof of the need for more public coverage...as was the letter to Tom Snyder asking politely where one could obtain a GSW. (Now! Get your very own action powered GSW at your local toy department. Batteries not included.)

One man who wrote was so incensed with government - not just CIA cover-up of UFOs, but Chappaquidick - that he suggested that we take a high level government authority and put him on the spot in an interview. The difference being in this interview that the subject would either have sodium pentothal in his coffee or would be under a post-hypnotic suggestion to tell the truth. Unique huh?

Amazingly, we found only one what you might call crank letter in the avalanche of mail received. A person with an obvious fetish for the correct pronunciation of the word "etcetera" sounded positively enraged. Well, Mr. Spaulding, there's always a critique in the crowd - - as you should know.

One person from California who called himself a nobody, thanked us for what we are doing in behalf of all free thinking people and described a three-second daytime sighting as his personal proof of UFOs. He added a P.S. that said "UFOs are no pie in the sky." (would you believe ice cream cones?).

Though there were the few expected letters by those whom have become obsessed with the diverse, offbeat aspects of UFOs, the bulk of the mail



was remarkably high profile. If the response to the facts presented by Mr. Spaulding is but one-third of those really interested in seeing something definite and positive done about UFOs, it gives us food for thought about what could be done if GSW could gain more complete national coverage .

The UFO organizations need to stop the policy of divide and try to be top dog. This legal battle for document release is the only forward step UFOlogy can take. It would be hard to assess the positive results if NICAP, CUFOS, MUFON, and the others were to join hands with GSW in this struggle for government/military verified information.

What good is collecting more sighting stories from individuals when files are already compacted to capacity with virtually the same information in each case?

In the past it has been proven that if the concerned public cries long and hard enough the press will hear. And when the press hears, the politicians pick up their ears.

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#### SUGGESTED READING

For those UFO researchers who are seriously interested in keeping abreast of the latest developments in the field of UFOlogy, GSW recommends the following publications:

##### MUFON'S UFO JOURNAL

MUFON, Inc.  
103 Oldtowne Road  
Sequin, Texas 78155  
\$10.00 per year. Att: Walt Andrus  
(Formerly Skylook Magazine)

##### JUST CAUSE

P. O. Box 4743  
Arlington, VA 22204  
\$10.00 per year/12 issues

##### INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER

924 Chicago Ave.  
Evanston, Illinois 60202  
\$12.00 per year  
Editor: Allan Hendry

"Retrievals of the Third Kind:"  
(A case study of alledged UFOs  
occupants in military custody.)  
By Len Stringfield - obtainable  
in the MUFON SYMPOSIUM PROCEED-  
INGS - 1978 - or write GSW for  
details.

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